

MANUAL LINEAMETEO STAZIONE (VERSION 2)



LineaMeteoStazione, in the improved version, is a complete weather station solar powered which can be interfaced with professional sensors from Sensirion as well as some Davis Instrument component (Rain Gauge, Anemometer)

It also can be interfaced with a less expensive set of anemometer and rain gauge from Misol. It also adds the feature of having a solar radiation measurement and a real UV sensor as well as a very accurate monitoring of the SOC of the battery by [the EZSBC board ESP32 Battery Pro](#) with also very low sleep current of just 12uA, email notifications and alert and other services.

The project is aimed as DIY weather station with customized choose of sensors and solar shields and just requiring the assembly part, because the boards will already be given programmed by me as well as the complete PCB. The code will be shared Opensource for the people who wants to try to do it from the beginning or modify it!

Features

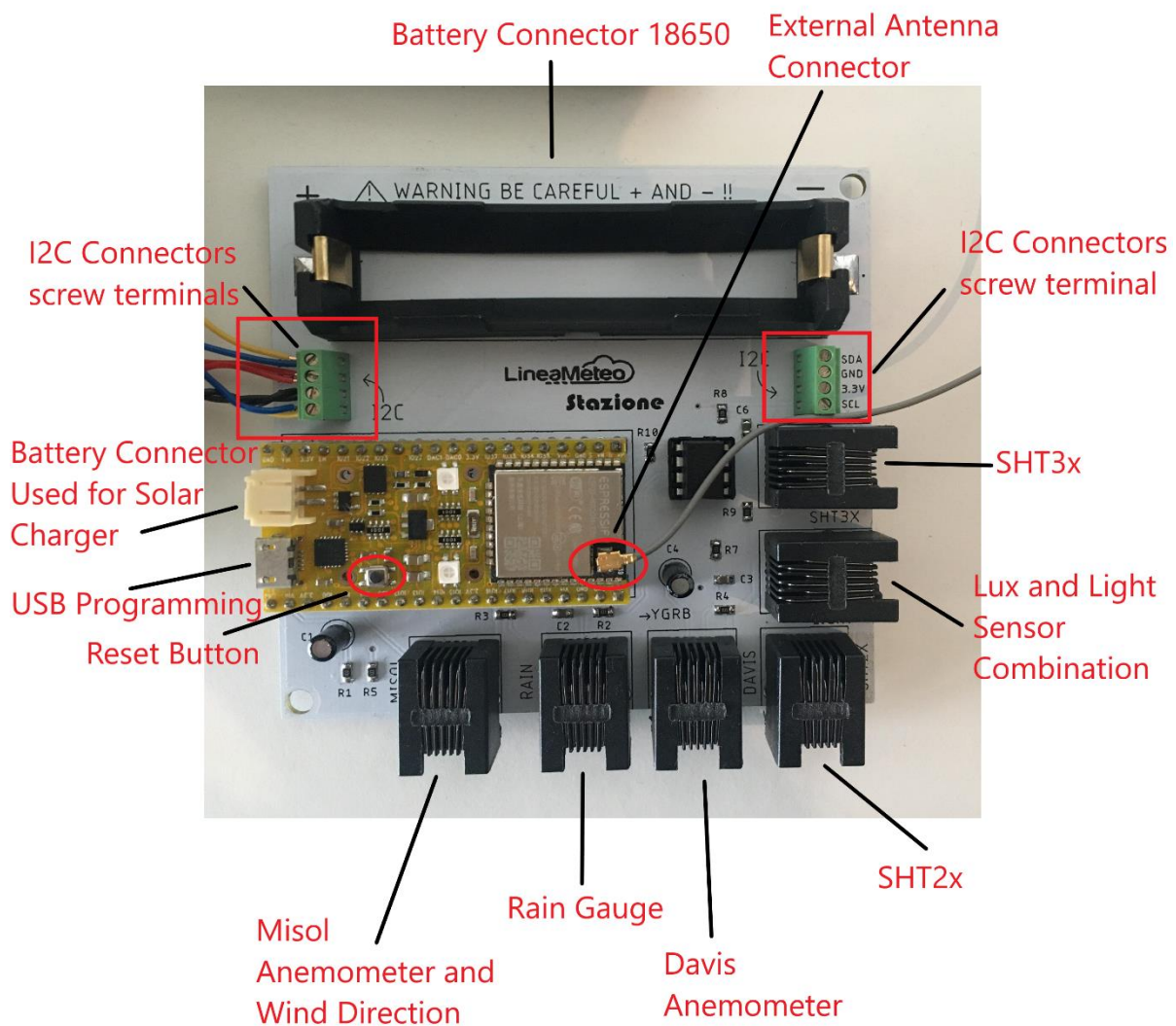
- Can be interfaced with **Sensirion SHT30/31/35** as a probe or as breakout board with RJ12 cable board adapter included in the kit.
- Can be interfaced with an extra sensor **Sensirion SHT20/21/25** as a probe or as breakout board with RJ12 cable board.
- Can be interfaced with every **rain gauge tipping bucket** and it is possible to calibrate and set the resolution of the rain gauge in the settings in the database.
- Can be interfaced with **2 different type of anemometer**, one is an entry level from Misol brand and the other is a Davis Anemometer. The anemometer can be calibrated for accurate Wind direction with the Offset setting.
- **It has an UV REAL index measurement and also a separate Solar Radiation measurement calculated with a very wide Lux range sensor.**
- It has on board an accurate State of Charge of the battery provided by the **EZSBC prototype board ESP32**, to track in accurate way if the battery need replacement or if it is too low voltage.
- It has **EMAIL ALERTS (Italian or English)** as battery alerts and hour or daily report of the weather condition.
- It has Max and Min Temperature and Humidity alert of the main Temperature and Humidity sensor and alert of UV index, as well as Alert of the second sensor Max and Min Temperature and Humidity and Rain and Rain Intensity Alert and Gust alert.
- **3 seconds time sampling of Wind Speed and Gust and real time Rain intensity and Rain sampling.**
- Sample time or upload time of all the sensors can be modified! Choose between 45 seconds to hours. Usually should not be as frequent as 1 minute to improve battery life and to avoid sampling error of the temperature sensor caused by adjustment of the sensor to the new temperature of the air.
- Can send data to **Wunderground, Weathercloud, Blynk, ThingSpeak and LineaMeteo weather network! The frequency of sending data is also selectable in the menu config for all services in the database.**
- In the Display you can select languages between **Italian and English and between metric and imperial unit of measurement of data.**

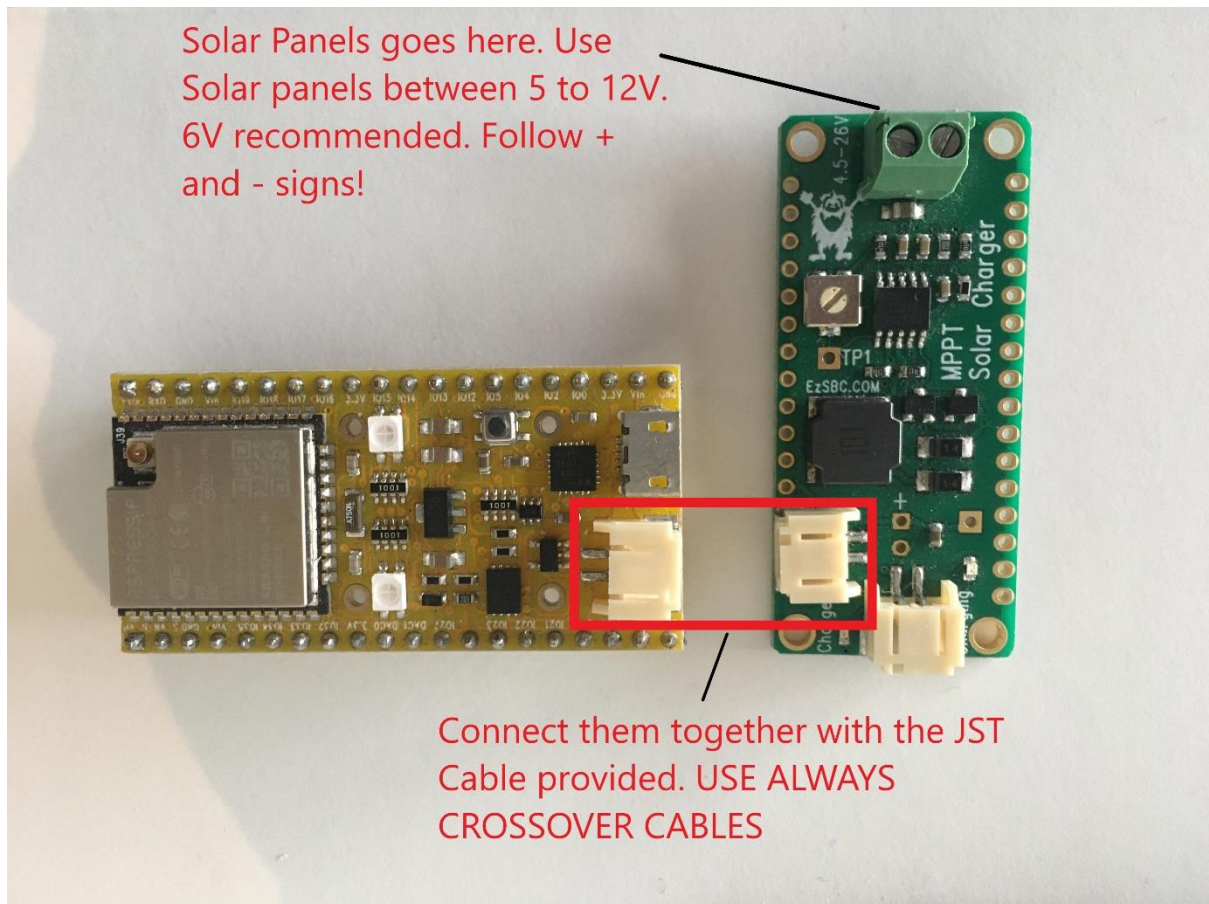
List of components

It works with a combination of ESP8266 and ESP32 development boards and is composed mainly of 4 devices:

1. DEVICE 1 (OUTSIDE UNIT): EZSBC battery Pro ESP32 board + designed PCB + Attiny85 + Solar Charger Board and SOLAR PANEL (Solar Panel and Battery not included)

This is the part which will be outside and it consist in one development board and the PCB. It is used to collect the weather data which will be sent to the Firebase of Google:





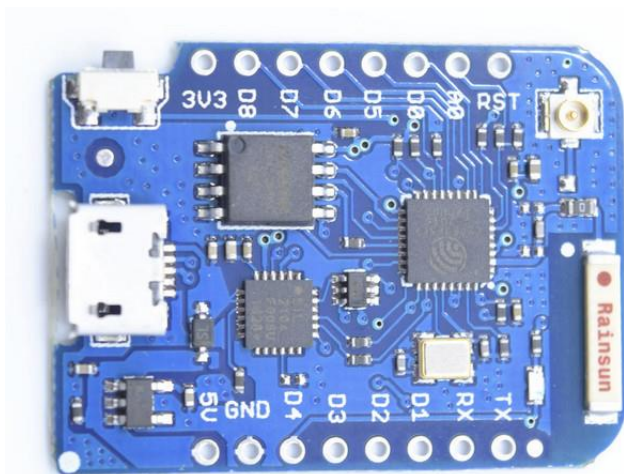
The **DEVICE 1** need to be installed with a protection provided underneath to avoid damage of the PCB as well as the solar charger board. **LIGHT SENSOR MUST BE CONNECTED WHEN OPERATING, OTHERWISE IT WON'T WORK.** Please install the board in a weather proof box with IP65 standard minimum.

2. DEVICE 2: WEMOS D1 MINI PRO + BMP180 Pressure

This is the part that handle all the network communications and it also collect the data from the Firebase of Google.

The duties of the board consist in:

- *Collecting the data*
- *Sharing some data to an IP Address in a format ready to be used to communicate with LineaMeteo weather network.*
- *Send Data to Weathercloud*
- *Send Data to Wunderground*
- *Send Data to Thingspeak*
- *Send Data to Blynk*
- *Pressure Sensor*
- *Email Notifications*

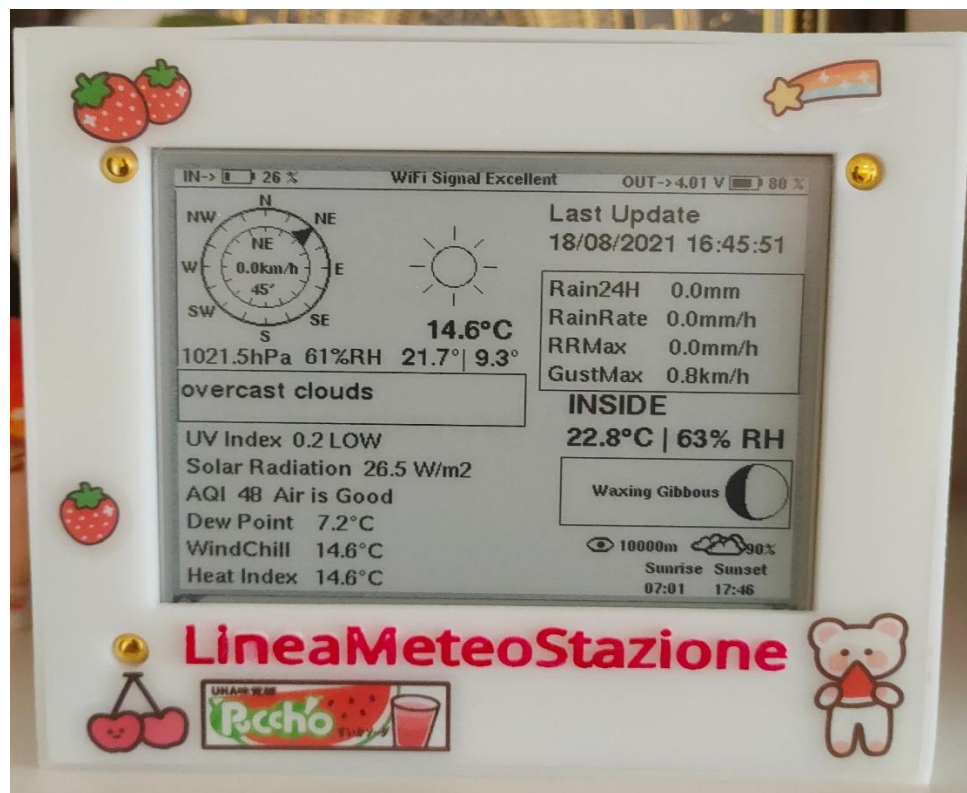
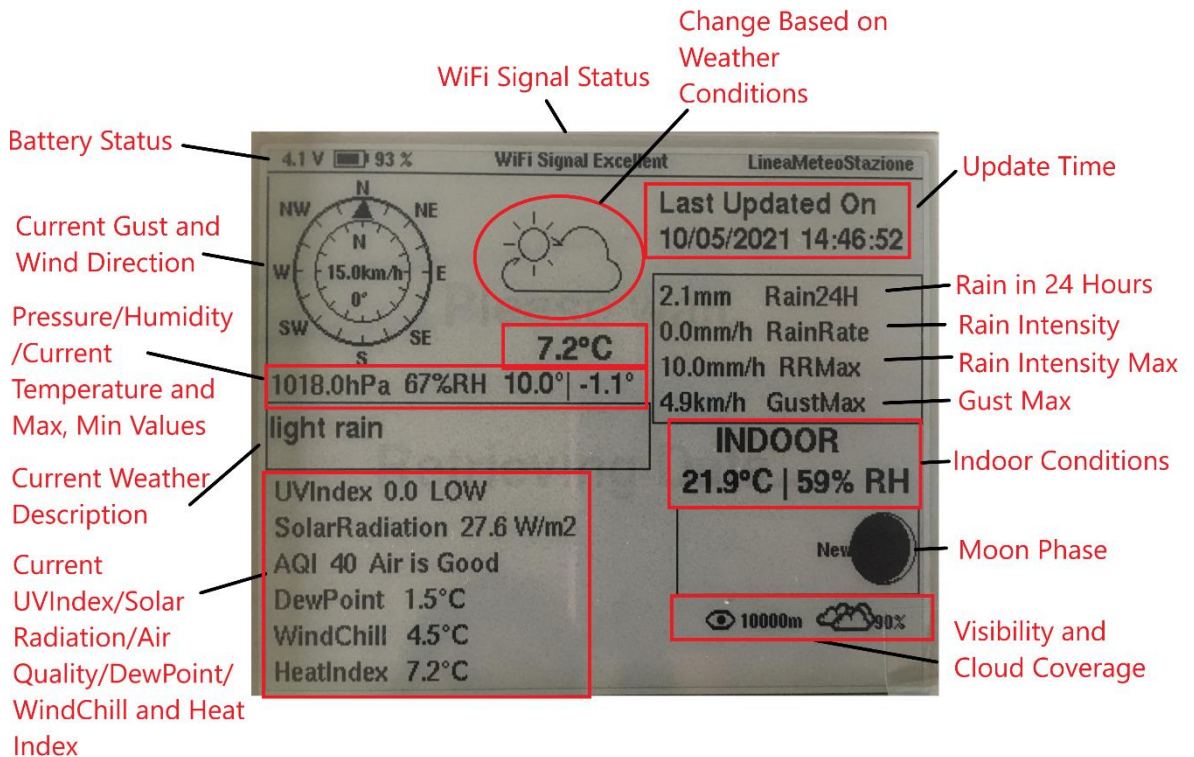


The case is 3D printed from <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:4081064>

3. DEVICE 3: EZSBC BAT PRO ESP32 + PCB designed + INK Display + BME680

This is the part that just handle the visualization of the data on the display and it has also a sensor that monitor the air quality, temperature and humidity.

The display used is a 4.2 Inch ink display, can be used a WaweShare or GoodDisplay brands.

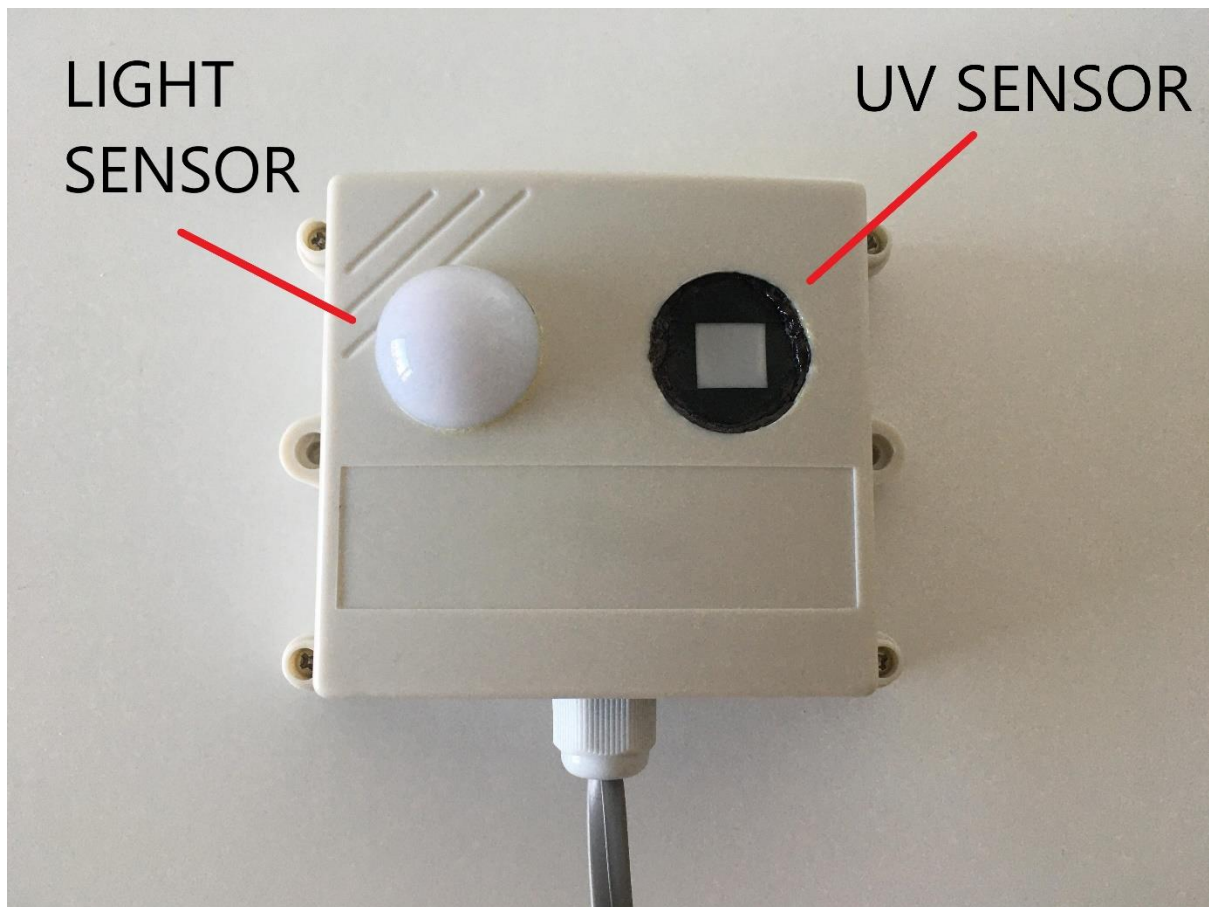


The case is inspired by:

[Box for ePaper + ESP32 Information Display by sidoh10 - Thingiverse](#)

4. BOX FOR LIGHT AND UV SENSOR

This is the box that contains the MAX44009 and the VEML6075. The Light sensor has a diffuser dome and the UV sensor has a Teflon 0.4mm thick with an aperture window of 10mm. The sensor is separated from the window of almost 5mm in order to avoid the light reaching the corner of the sensor.



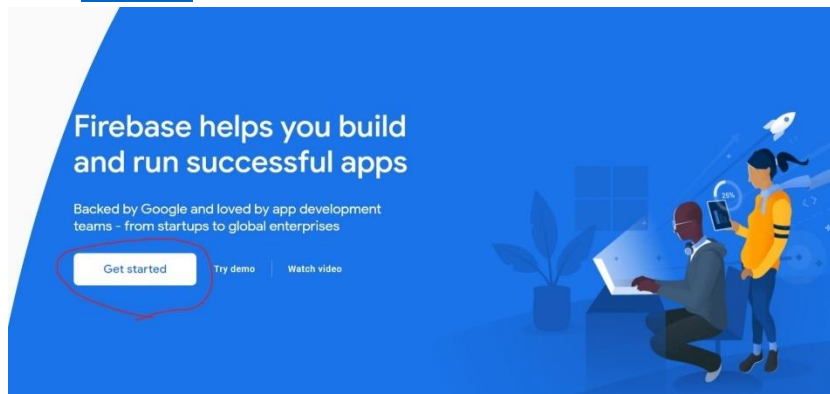
SETUP WEATHER STATION STEP BY STEP

STEP 1: Getting Started with Firebase!

First of all we need to create a Firebase account. To do that you will need an account Google which you can create [HERE](#) if you don't already have one.

To setup the Firebase account you need to follow the following steps:

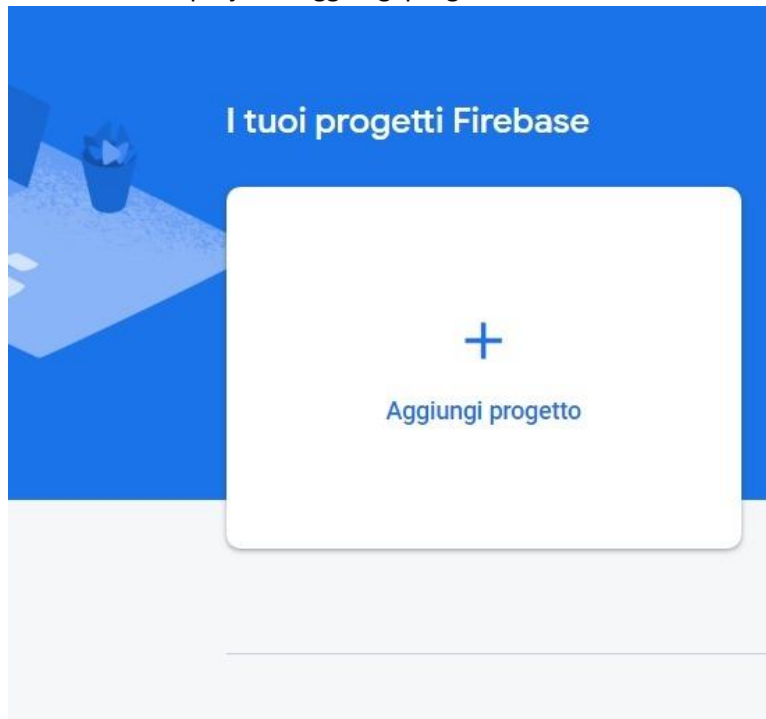
1. Go to [FIREBASE](#) and click on 'Get Started'



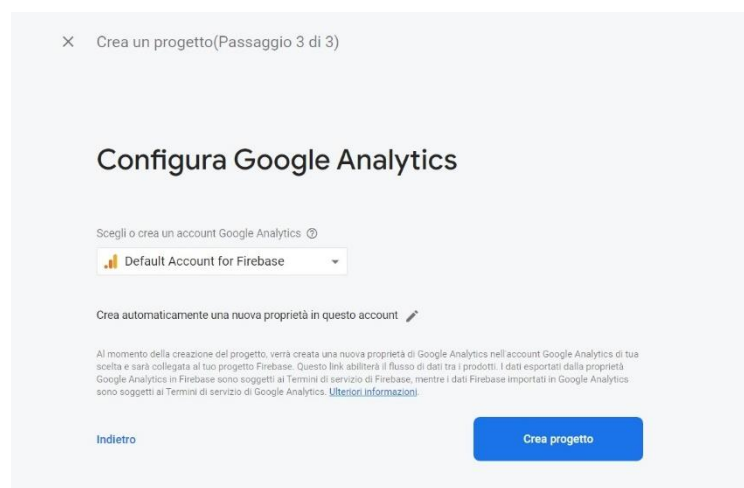
2. Sign IN to your Google account

A screenshot of the Google Sign in page. The Google logo is at the top. Below it is the text "Sign in" and "Use your Google Account". There is a text input field labeled "Email or phone". Below the field is a link "Forgot email?". Further down, there is a message "Not your computer? Use a private browsing window to sign in." followed by a link "Learn more". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Create account" and "Next". At the very bottom, there is a language selector "English (United States)" and links for "Help", "Privacy", and "Terms".

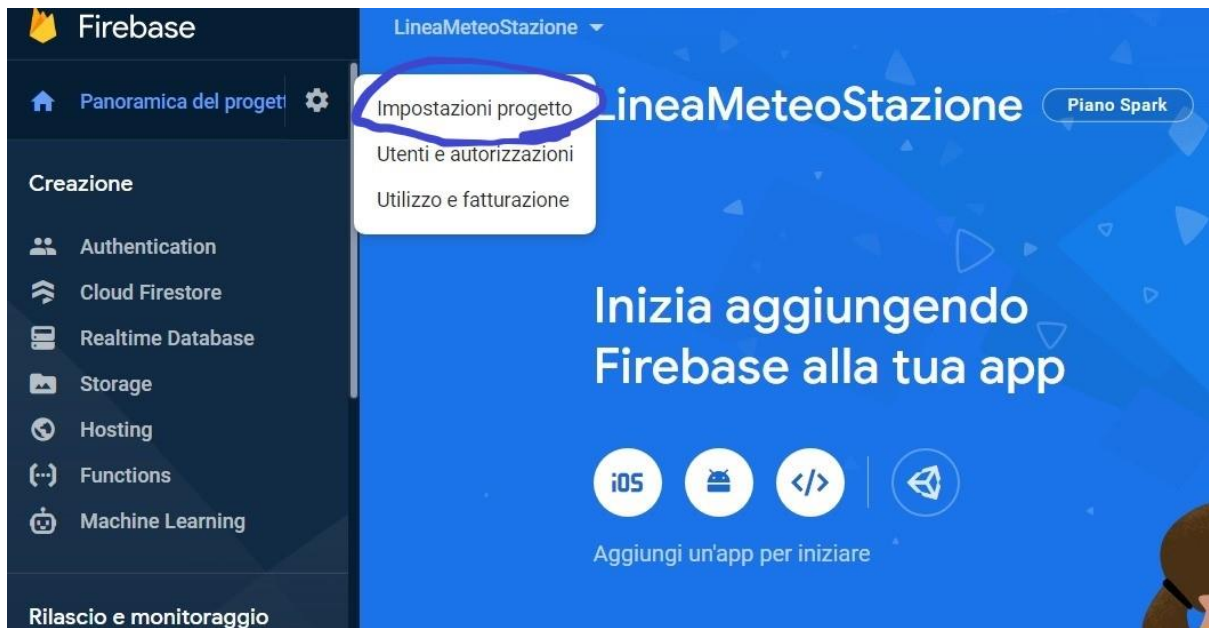
3. Click on 'Add a project' 'Aggiungi progetto'



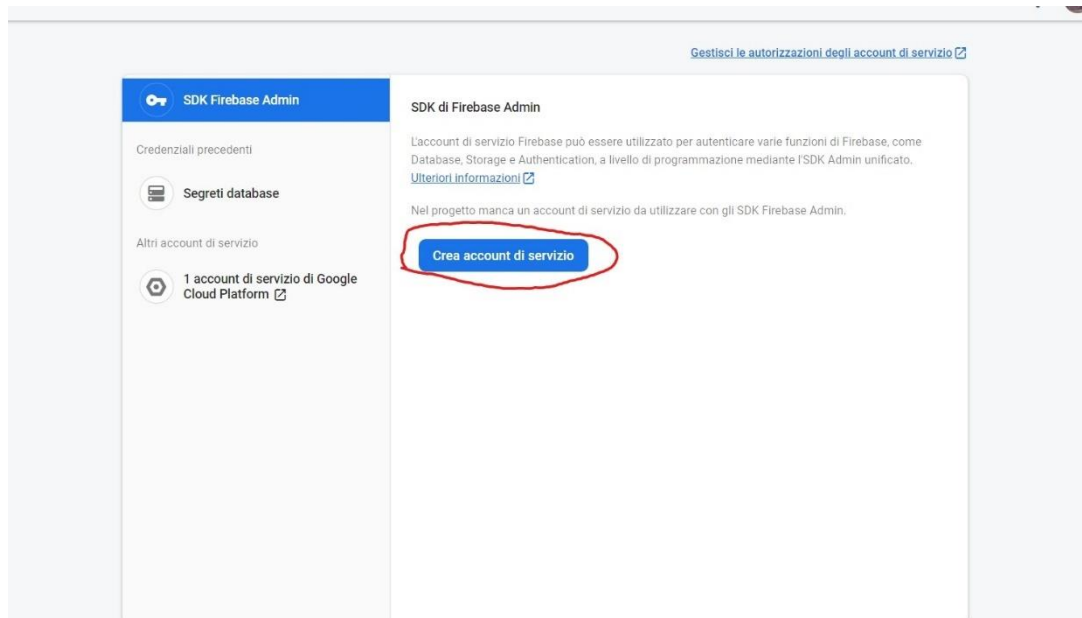
4. Give a name to your project! Click 'Continue' 'Continua'. Follow the steps and Create the project. Use the default account for Firebase.



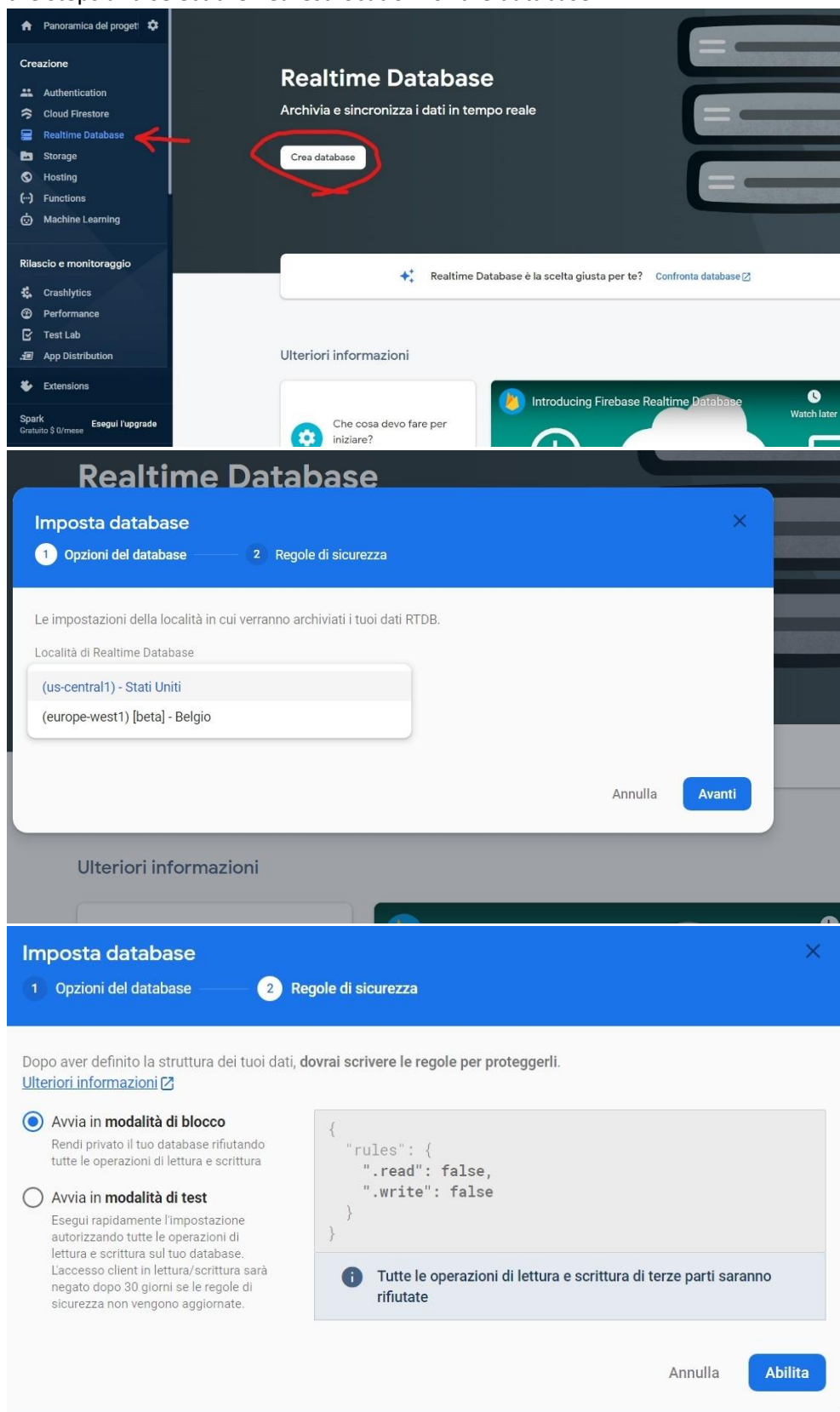
5. 'Go on 'project overview' 'Panoramica del progetto' on top and select 'project settings' 'Impostazioni progetto'



6. Click on 'Service Account' 'Account di Servizio' and 'Create Service Account' 'Crea account di servizio'

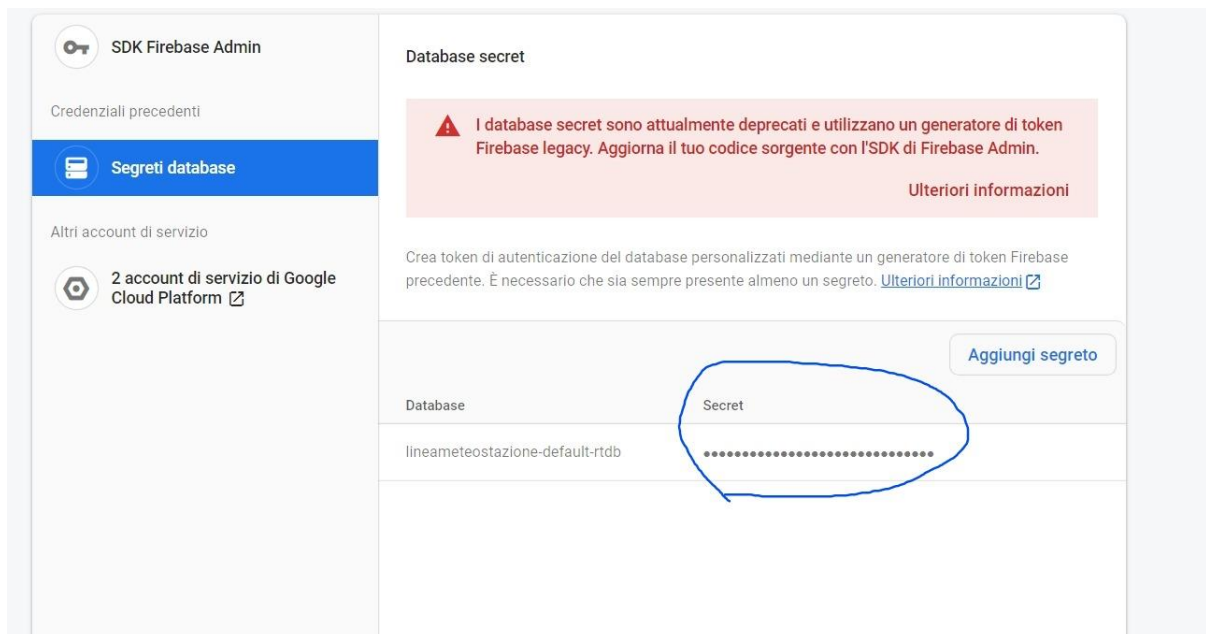
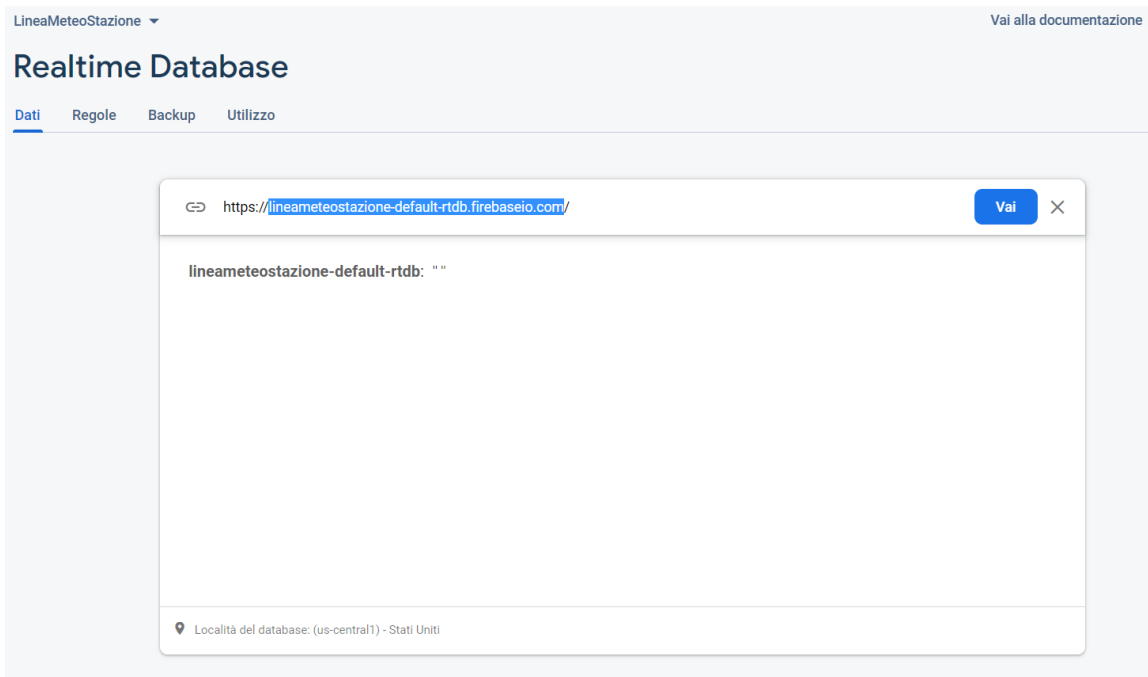


7. Go back to 'Project Overview' and Create Realtime Database 'Crea database' and follow the steps and select the nearest location for the database.



8. ALL DONE! Now save your project link that you can find in the real time database and also the secret that you can find 'Service Account' 'Account di servizio' under 'Database Secret' 'Segreti Database'

You will need just the one highlighted in the picture below and the database secret to program the weather station! To send you the board already programmed I will need those credentials.



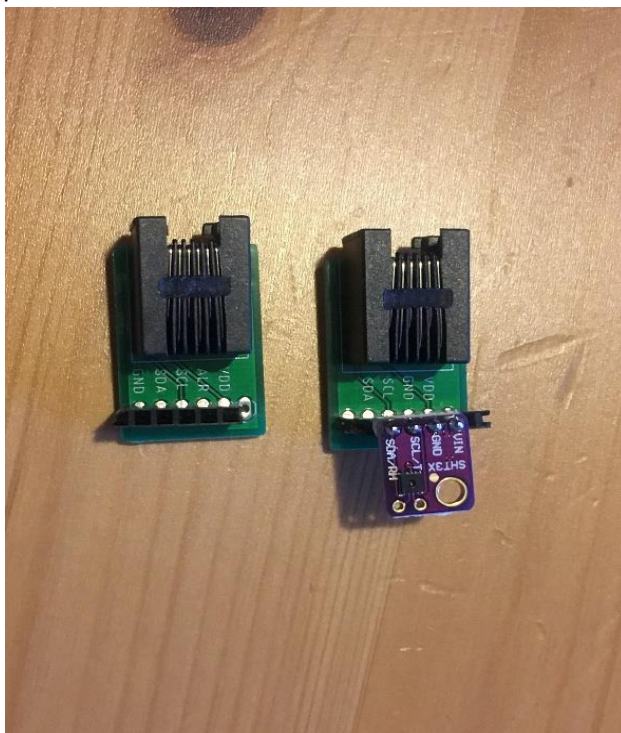
STEP 2: Setup DEVICE 1(Outside)

*This is the installation which requires to secure the weather station outside. A solar radiation shield is required for the ambient temperature and humidity sensor. Is also required a weather proof box for the correct storage of the battery and PCB. **DEVICE 1** is powered up by a single 18650 battery and the battery need to be installed otherwise the device won't work properly if just powered up directly by USB.*

OVERVIEW

Below the photo to describes the board:

1. Install the board in weather proof box and install the battery (**BE CAREFUL + AND – AND BATTERY SHOULD BE ENOUGH CHARGED BEFORE FIRST START**):
2. Connect all the available sensor on the board using the RJ12 connectors or the screw terminal, depending on the type of sensor used. (Refer to the list of 'Compatible sensor and specification') (SENSORS ARE CONNECTED WITH AN ADAPTOR BOARD DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR SOME I2C DEVICES AND THE [SHT35 ON TINDIE](#)) Those board will be provided. **SEE PHOTOS**



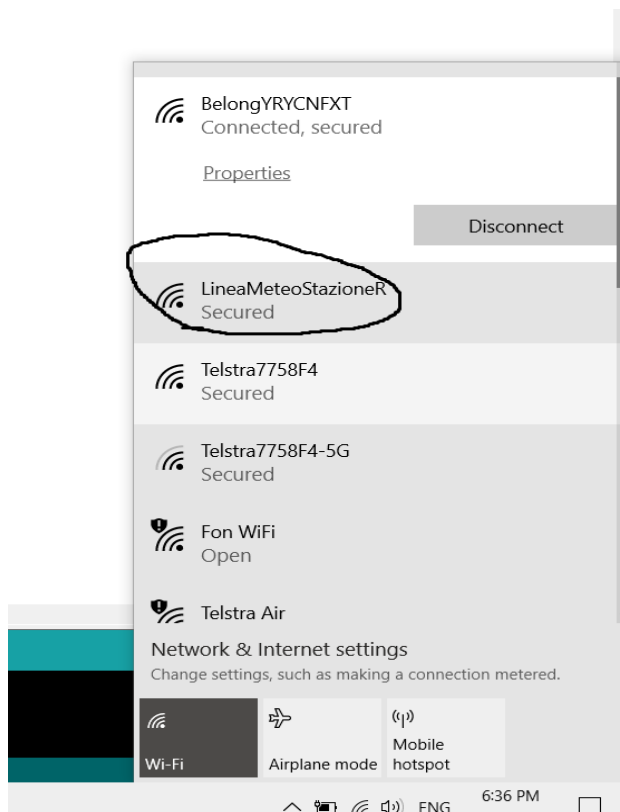
3. Plug IN the battery connector provided from the SolarCharger Board into the EZSBC BAT PRO and setup the Wi-Fi connection as explained below. (Please, use just the cable provided or any crossover cable)

SETUP WI-FI (PROCEDURES FOR ALL DEVICES)

If you can't see one of the DEVICES in the WIFI network, remember that you have just 5 minutes to setup the Wi-Fi connection for all DEVICES once is ON, otherwise it will need to be restarted to appear again. ALL DEVICES CAN BE CONNECTED ALL IN DIFFERENT NETWORK AS LONG AS THEY ARE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET THEY WILL WORK FINE. That allow you to bring the display even in another city or country for example and still will display the data from your home.

To setup the Wi-Fi connection follow the following steps:

- Once either of **DEVICES** are ON you will find them in the Wi-Fi connections available on your smartphone or computer with the name of **LineaMeteoStazioneS** for **DEVICE 1**, **LineaMeteoStazioneR** for **DEVICE 2** and **LineaMeteoStazioneVisual** for **DEVICE 3**.



- Try to connect and it will ask a password. **PASSWORD: LaMeteo2005 (Same for all devices)**
After that, when clicking on that it will prompt you in a page as the following (If not usually you can manually enter 192.168.4.1 in the bar of your browser to access the Wi-Fi Settings):

LineaMeteoStazioneR

WiFiManager











Configure WiFi

Info

Exit

No AP set

- Click on configure Wi-Fi and select your Wi-Fi network and enter your password and click **Save**. Now the **DEVICE** will try to connect and if fails you will be required to start again the procedures followed before.

BelongYRYCNFXT	 
Telstra7758F4	 
Fon WiFi	
Telstra Air	
NetComm 4612	 
BelongA4BB85	 

SSID

BelongYRYCNFXT

Password

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Save

Refresh

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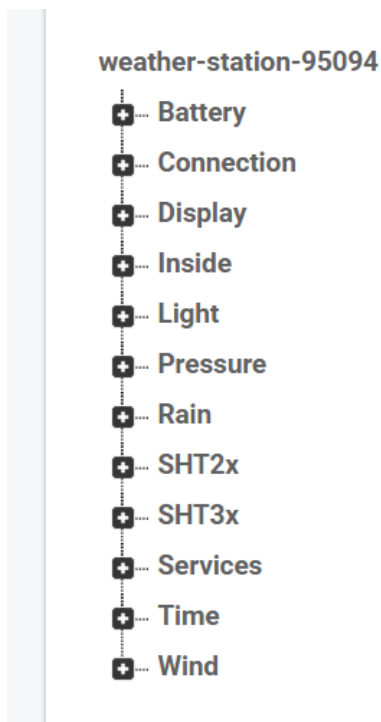
- Once the **DEVICE 1** is ready outside it is time to setup the **DEVICE 2** with the same procedures. The last to setup will be the display **DEVICE 3**.

STEP 3: Configure Weather Station settings using Firebase

ATTENTION: EVERY SETTINGS IS CASE SENSITIVE.

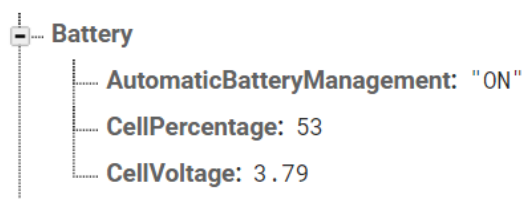
FOR SOME SETTINGS AS EMAIL ACCOUNT, API'S AND ID OF THE SERVICES THE DEVICE 2 NEED TO BE RESTARTED IN ORDER FOR THE SETTING TO EFFECTIVE. Remember to always use "" when adding data that contains words.

- Once **DEVICE 2** is ready, you should have a page like this in the Database.



The database is categorized as following:

- **Battery**
Here you can see the current level of the battery voltage, as well as the battery percentage. You can also set if you want the AutomaticBatteryManagement "ON" or "OFF". The ABS simple adjust the consumption of DEVICE 1 depending on the Battery Voltage. Sample Time will change based on the condition of the battery. You can put this setting OFF if you want to manage the Sample Time on your own, but when the battery level is more than 4.1V or less than 3.45 the Sample Time will be adjusted automatically independently if is ON or OFF.



- **Connection**

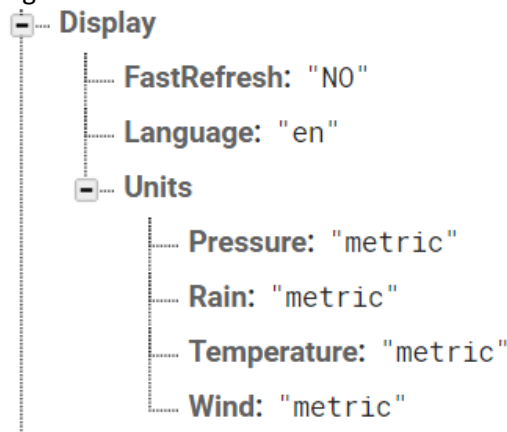
Connection is used to know your current IP address of **DEVICE 2** and to monitor the Wi-Fi signal strength of **DEVICE 1**. **Try to keep DEVICE 1 with at least -75 or more of signal strength.**

IPAddress can be used to port forwarding the IP in order to setup your devices in the LineaMeteo weather network. (PortForwarding can be done in the router, but every router is different, so you need to know yours. External port should be 4600 and internal port should be 80)



- **Display**

These are the Display Settings. Here you can set the language between "en" (English) or "it" (Italian) of the Display and the Unit for different values such as Rain, Pressure, Temperature and Wind, from "imperial" or "metric". You can also set if you want a Fast or Slow refresh mode. If the Fast mode is used the display need to be connected to the USB power otherwise it will run out of battery in a day. In FastRefresh mode every settings made in the Display section requires to press the button on the Display for the settings to actually change. Select "YES" or "NO" to activate or deactivate the FastRefresh mode.



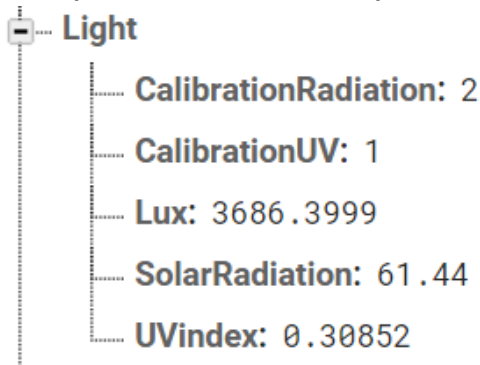
- **Inside**

Here is where is stored the data of the Indoor condition of Temperature, Humidity and AirQuality score.



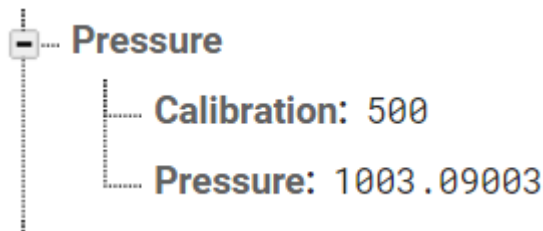
- **Light**

Here is stored the Light Data, like Solar Radiation and UV index. **You can also Calibrate the Solar Radiation and the UV Index values using the Calibration line. The value in calibration is a multiplication value, for example 2 will be double.**



- **Pressure**

Here is stored the value of the Pressure and also is possible to Calibrate it based on sea level. Refer to some near weather station or look the current atmospheric pressure on the forecast. Every number added or subtracted on Calibration means $\pm 1\text{Pa}$ and the value of Pressure shown is in hPa.



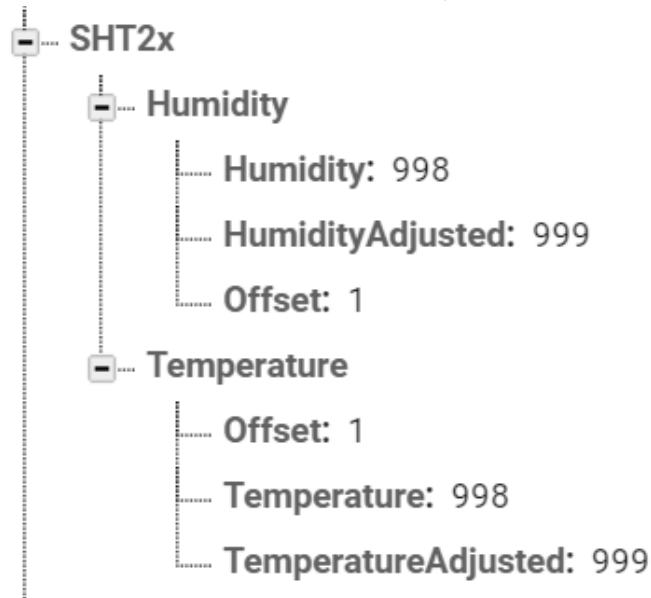
- **Rain**

Here is stored the value of the rain in 24H and also other values related to the rain. You can use every tipping bucket rain gauge so this means that you will need to calibrate how much every tipping count for. Modify 'mmGoccia' to change the tipping count in mm. **Default is 0.2mm. This option can be used also to calibrate the Rain Gauge.**



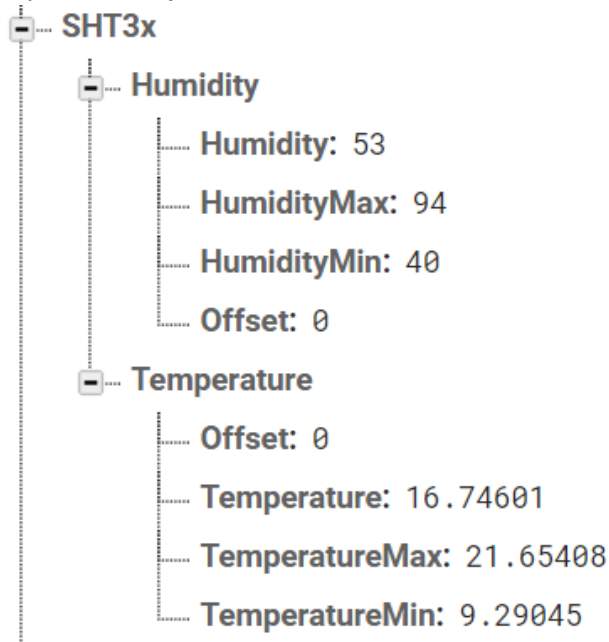
- **SHT2x**

This contain the data of the Sensirion SHT20 and can also be set an Offset if some calibration is needed. Offset is in degree Celsius and can be set with every decimal place, for example even 0.01. When Offset is applied and different than 0, it will appear in database the Temperature Adjusted, otherwise it will be deleted automatically. Same for the humidity. (If sensor is not connected it will shows 998/999 values.



- **SHT3x**

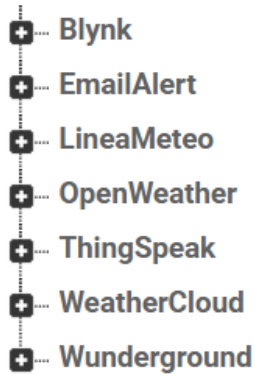
This contain the data of the Sensirion SHT3x and can also be set an Offset if some calibration is needed. Offset is in degree Celsius and can be set with every decimal place, for example even 0.01. When Offset is applied and different than 0, it will appear in database the Temperature Adjusted, otherwise it will be deleted automatically. Same for the humidity.



- **Services**

This contain all the services available to use with this weather station and also the Email Alert settings.

Services



BLYNK

Here you can set your Blynk details and also if you want that Blynk is ON or OFF, that will decide if the data is actually sent to Blynk or not. **(FOR THIS SETTINGS DEVICE 2 NEED TO BE RESTARED)**

Services

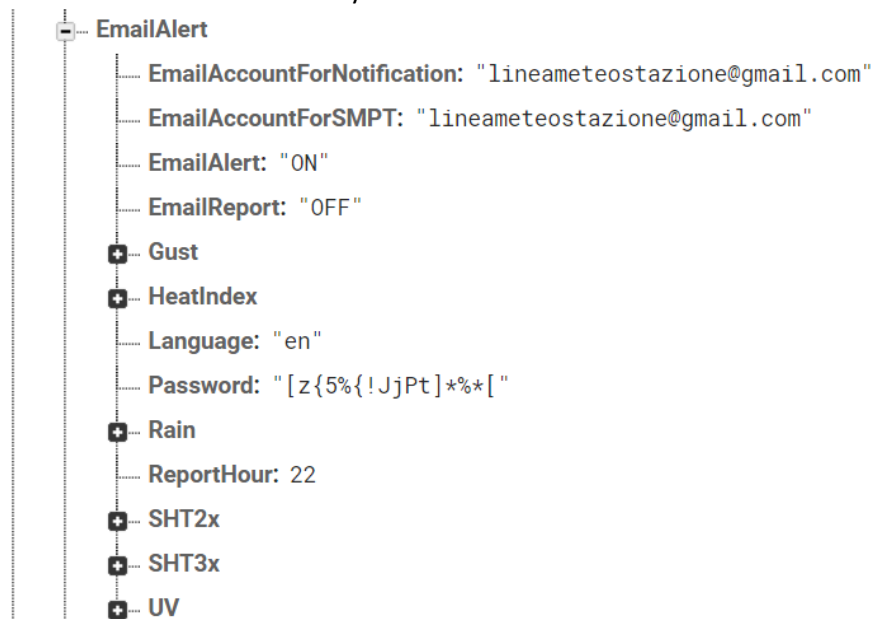


Blynk values sent are:

- V0 = Main Temperature
- V1 = Main Humidity
- V2 = Pressure
- V3 = Uv Index
- V4 = Wind Speed
- V5 = Direction of The Wind
- V6 = Rain
- V7 = Battery Voltage
- V8 = Temperature Indoor
- V9 = Humidity Indoor
- V10 = Lux
- V11 = Solar Radiation
- V12 = Air Quality
- V13 = Temperature Second Sensor
- V14 = Humidity Second Sensor

EMAILALERT

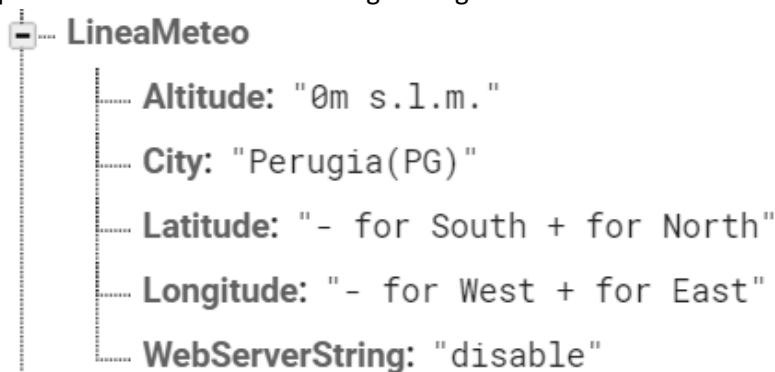
To use the email alert feature you need to have an account email to use as server SMPT. It can be also your personal account, but for safety is better to create an account just for SMPT use with Google. You will need to put the email and the password of the account in the database. If you want the Email Report just leave "ON" the EmailReport settings. If you want to turn ON or OFF all Email Alert notification based on some condition you can set "ON" or "OFF" on the EmailAlert settings. You can also set if you would like the notification individually with the "Enable" setting "ON" or "OFF". EmailAlert must be "ON" if you want to set the notification individually:



You can set all the alert threshold value here for Rain, Rain Intensity, Temperature Max and Min for the SHT2x and SHT3x and also for their Humidity values Max and Min. You can also set alert for UV index, Gust and HeatIndex. It is also possible to set the language of the email between Italian and English.

LINEAMETEO

Here you can set some of your personal data for Linea Meteo weather network. If you communicate to LineaMeteo using Wunderground you can disable the server string. Just type "disable" in WebServerString setting.



OPENWEATHER

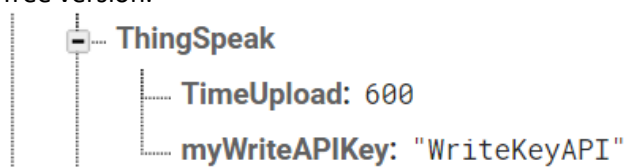
You can setup your own account on [OpenWeather](#) for current condition weather description on **DEVICE 3 Display** (find My API Keys and copy in the **API in Services, OpenWeather.**)

Hemisphere type 'north' if you live in northern hemisphere or 'south' in southern hemisphere to display correct astronomy section on display.

Latitude and longitude, just use 2 decimal place value to display correct weather condition description on **DEVICE 3 Display**.

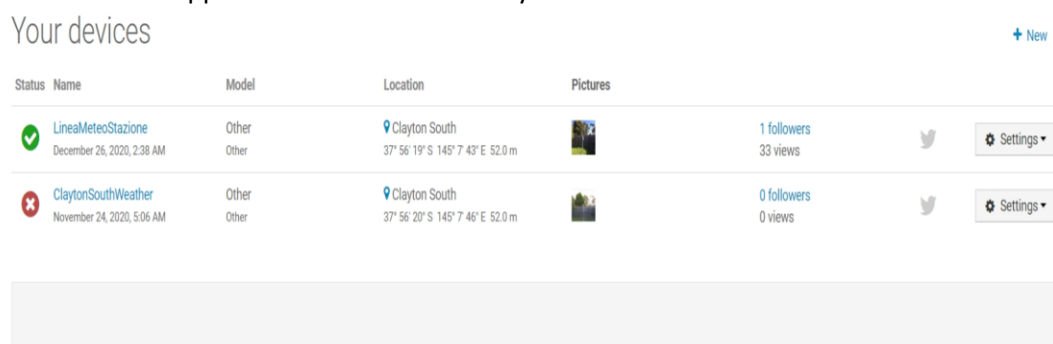
THINGSPEAK

Create an account on [ThingSpeak](#) and find the WriteAPIkey and copy in **myWriteAPIKey**, to see the difference with graphics between the SHT2x and SHT3x series if both sensor are connected, or to just monitor the SHT2x. You will also see on ThingSpeak other values such as current Wind Speed, Gust and Solar Radiation. You can also select the Time Upload in seconds, but be mindful of the maximum amount of data that can be sent on ThingSpeak free version.



WeatherCloud

You can link the weather station to Weather Cloud network using this option. Go to Settings on your devices and select 'Link', it will give you the ID and Key that you can copy in the database. You can also set the Time Upload to WeatherCloud in seconds, but with the free version this is capped to a maximum of every 10 minutes.

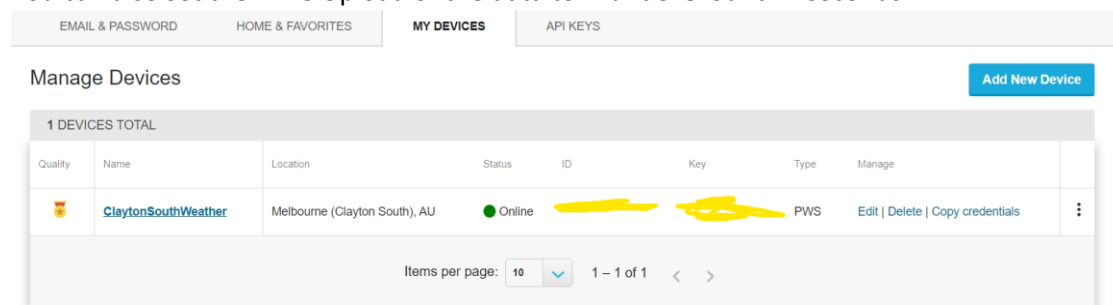


WunderGround

You can link the weather station to WunderGround using this option.

Find the ID and Key on My Devices and copy it to the database.

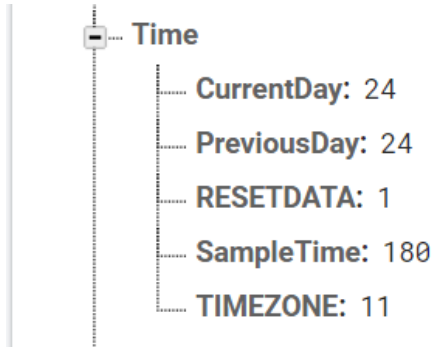
You can also set the Time Upload of the data to WunderGround in seconds.



- **Time**

This option is used to set your **TIMEZONE** which will be your time (need to modified when day light saving apply) and to set the **SampleTime in seconds**. It is recommended to don't upload the data faster than 45 seconds to save the battery life of **DEVICE 1**. **Data is also read just every 45 seconds maximum from DEVICE 2 so it won't make much difference to make it faster.**

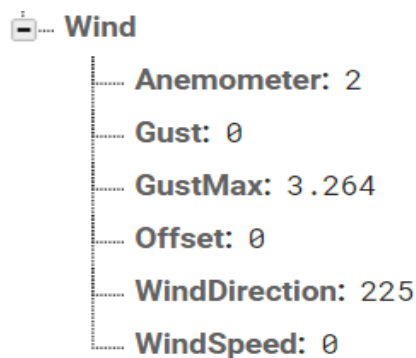
CurrentDay, PreviousDay and RESETDATA don't need to be touched. To reset all data in database enter 0 in RESETDATA.



- **Wind**

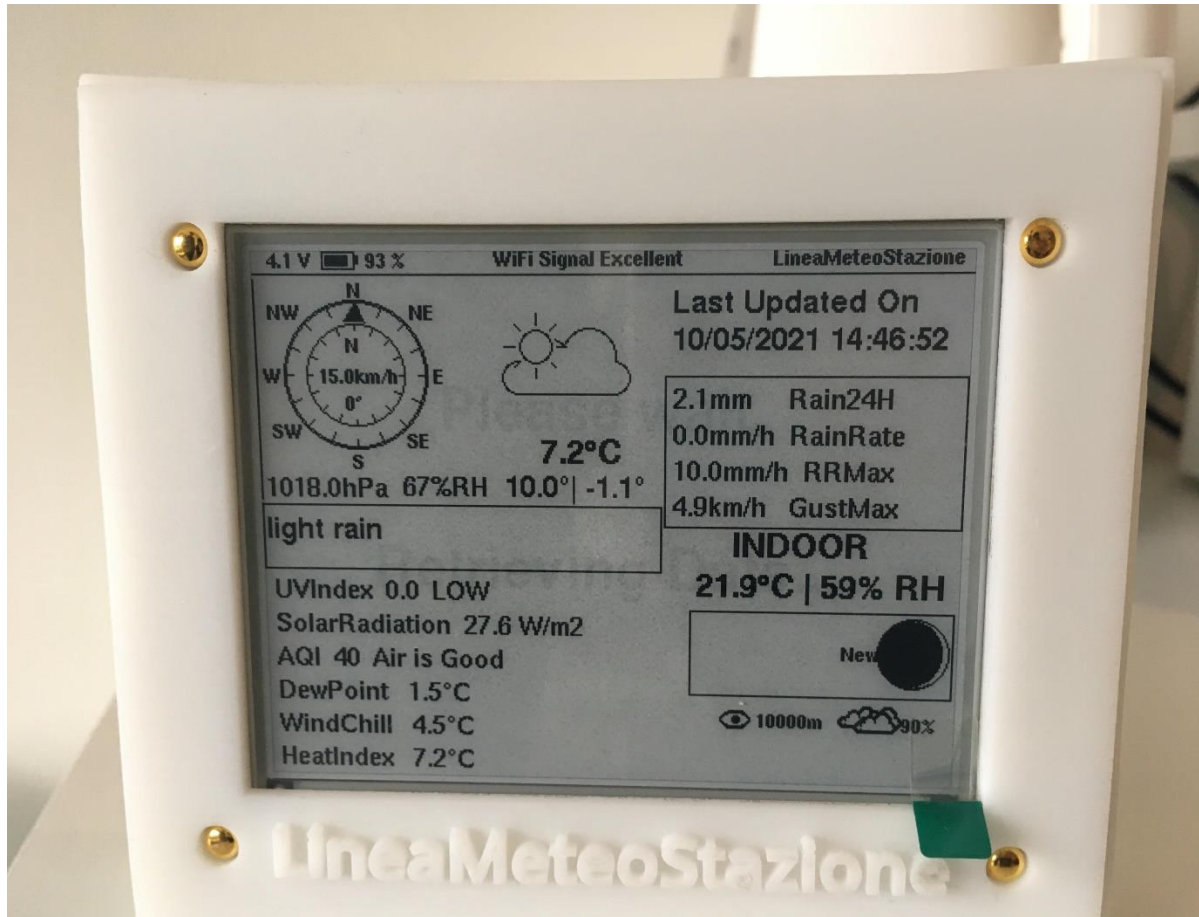
This contain the values of the Wind, like degrees of the Wind Direction and also the Wind Speed and the Gust. In order for the **DEVICE 1** to know which anemometer you're using between the Misol and the Davis Anemometer you have to select the type of the Anemometer in Wind/Anemometer. **Type 2 for Misol and 1 for Davis.**

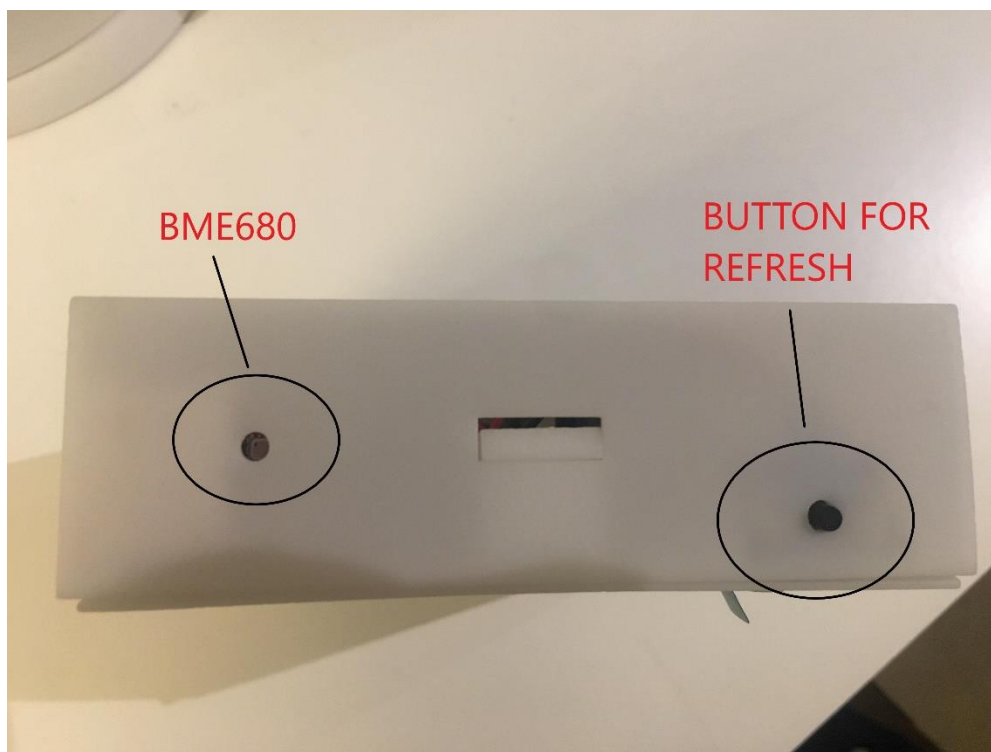
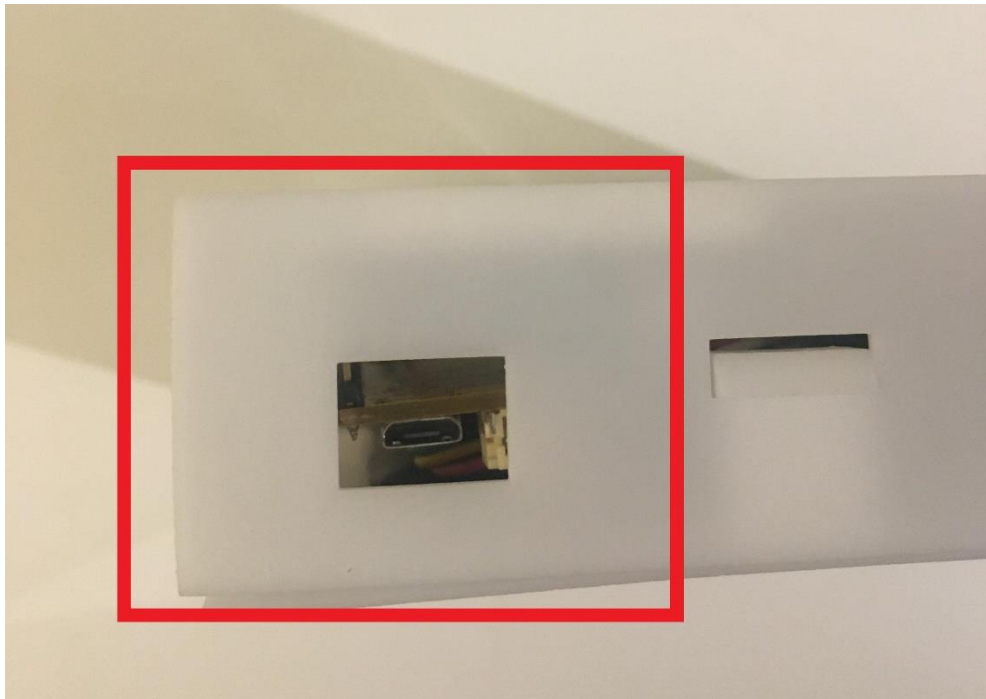
It is also possible to adjust the Offset here, in order to point the right direction of the Wind Direction of the Anemometer. 0 degrees or 360 degrees should point North. Or it is best to adjust the anemometer itself to point that direction. The WindDirection adjusted will appear if Offset is applied.

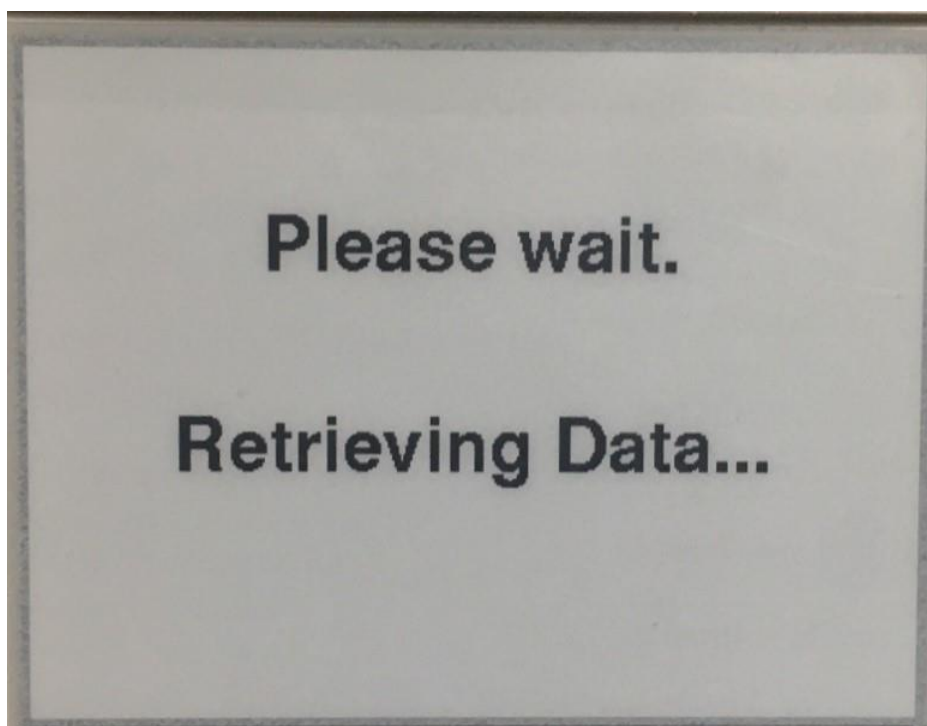


Setup DEVICE 3 DISPLAY

The **DEVICE 3** is powered up with one single battery 18650, which can be recharged trough USB as shown in photo. **You can open the box for installing the battery by using the support on the side of the box.**







The display supports **fast refresh** or **slow refresh mode**. **Fast Refresh** can be set in the database setting as explained above and it will update the display every 50 seconds. **Slow refresh** will update the display every 10 minutes and every 2 hours after midnight and until 6AM. In Slow Refresh mode the display can also be updated manually by clicking on the button on the right side of the box.

When Button is pressed or when the display is automatic updated, it will appear 'Please wait. Retrieving Data...' message.

After the battery has been installed follow the same procedures for all DEVICES to connect to Wi-Fi.

Name of the network will be 'LineaMeteoStazioneVisual'

The battery should be sufficient charged before start.

Part of the Display concept is taken from [David Bird software](#) !

Compatible sensors

- **Temperature/humidity MAIN:** SHT3x series Sensirion. Accuracy refer to [datasheet](#) of each sensor.
- **Temperature/humidity SECOND (can be used for soil temperature and moist) :** [SHT20/21/25](#) series Sensirion. Accuracy refer to datasheet of each sensor.
- **Temperature, Humidity, Air quality Inside:** [BME680](#)
- **Pressure:** [BMP180](#)
- **Rain Gauge:** Every tipping bucket rain gauge, adjustable resolution and calibration.
- **Anemometer:** [Davis Anemometer](#) and Misol Anemometer [Wind Speed](#) and [Wind Direction](#)
- **UV Index:** [VEML6075](#) (Real UV sensor)
- **Solar Radiation:** [MAX44009](#) (Based on Calculation from [“A conversion guide: solar irradiance and lux illuminance”](#))

Specifications

- **Battery DEVICE 1:** 3.7V 18650 Battery lithium PROTECTED BATTERY (Recommended minimum 3000mAh)
WARNING: Be careful with lithium battery with high temperature(more than 45C), weatherproof box should be put in the shade. Furthermore if negative temperature -10C occur often or extreme negative temperature occur (example -20C) a specific battery for cold temperature will be required.
- **Battery DEVICE 3:** 3.7V 18650 Battery lithium (3000mAh)(Autonomy without recharging 1 month Slow Refresh, 1 day Fast Refresh)
- **Solar Panel 5-12V (6V recommended)**
Watt depending on your location from [Global Solar Atlas](#).

Allerona

42°48'23", 11°56'08" ▾

Strada provinciale "Dell'Osteriaccia", Allerona, Umbria, Italy

Time zone: UTC+01, Europe/Rome [CET] , Daylight saving time not considered



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✓	Specific photovoltaic power output	PVOUT specific	3.977	kWh/kWp per day ▾
	Direct normal irradiation	DNI	4.195	kWh/m ² per day ▾
	Global horizontal irradiation	GHI	4.114	kWh/m ² per day ▾
	Diffuse horizontal irradiation	DIF	1.672	kWh/m ² per day ▾
	Global tilted irradiation at optimum angle	GTI opta	4.764	kWh/m ² per day ▾

GTI opta per day	Less than 1000kWh/m2	10W (minimum)
GTI opta per day	1500Wh/m2	6W (minimum)
GTI opta per day	2000kWh/m2	4.5W (minimum)
GTI opta per day	2500kWh/m2	3.5W (minimum)
GTI opta per day	3500kWh/m2	3W (minimum)
GTI opta per day	4000 and 5500kWh/m2	2.5W to 2W (minimum)
GTI opta per day	5500kWh/m2 or more	1W (minimum)

- Length of cable for SHT3x and SHT2x and VEML6075 and MAX44009 should not exceed 3m. If more length is required, please contact me.

Troubleshooting

- If one of **DEVICES** is not working as expected a RESET would be required. Remove the battery and restart the device if RESET doesn't work.
- **If you can't see one of the DEVICE in the WIFI network, remember that you have just 5 minutes to setup the Wi-Fi connection for all DEVICES once is ON, otherwise it will need to be restarted to appear again.**
- **If the Temperature Minimum says 0 when first starting, make sure the DEVICE 1 is already ON with the sensor properly connected before starting DEVICE 2. If still 0, reset max and min value by changing the Current Day in Time settings and restart DEVICE 2.**
- **IF YOU'RE USING A FIREWALL: keep in mind the devices when communicating with Google It needs to have ports 443 (HTTPS), 5228 (HTTPS), 5229 (HTTPS), and 5230 (HTTPS) free, and sometimes it also could still have issue if you're using some firewall.**
- Other questions regarding problems please contact me.

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